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E.O. 11654: GDS  
TAGS: PINS, SY, PLO, UNRWA  
SUBJECT: PALESTINIAN QUIESCENCE IN SYRIA

1. PRESIDENT AL-ASSAD'S PROBLEMS WITH SYRIAN WORKERS, ALAWITES AND SUNNIS HAVE APPARENTLY NOT INCITED ANY NOTICEABLE INCREASE IN UNREST WITHIN LOCAL PALESTINIAN CAMPS. UNRWA DIRECTOR FOR SYRIA TOLD US JUNE 28 THAT DETENTIONS OF INDIVIDUAL PALESTINIANS, INCLUDING OCCASIONAL UNRWA PALESTINIAN TEACHER, ARE CONTINUING BUT INHABITANTS OF CAMPS HAVE LEARNED TO AVOID ACTIONS THAT MIGHT ATTRACT ATTENTION OF SYRIAN SECURITY. UNRWA HAS ALSO BEEN CAUTIONED NOT TO INTERVENE IN CASES OF DETENTION OF PALESTINIANS, HE SAID.

2. HE ADDED THAT SYRIAN AUTHORITIES WERE MORE CAREFULLY REGULATING TRAVEL BY UNRWA'S PALESTINIAN EMPLOYEES  
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BETWEEN SYRIAN AND NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES. SIX-MONTH MULTIPLE ENTRY VISAS NO LONGER ISSUED, AND THEY NOW REQUIRED TO OBTAIN CLEARANCE PRIOR TO EACH VISIT. HE SAID THAT NO APPLICATIONS HAD BEEN TURNED DOWN BUT PROCESS WAS TIME CONSUMING AND HAD COMPLICATED COORDINATION OF UNRWA ACTIVITIES BETWEEN SYRIA, JORDAN AND LEBANON. HE ADDED THAT SYRIA'S POLICY WAS NOT ENTIRELY WITHOUT JUSTI-

FICATION SINCE SOME UNRWA EMPLOYEES HAD IN PAST BEEN  
ACCUSTOMED TO USE THEIR LAISSER-PASSER'S FOR  
PERSONAL BUSINESS AS WELL AS OFFICIAL TRAVEL.  
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